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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

MICHELLE BEARDSHEAR

Plaintiff.

NO. 3:06-cy-5231 RBL

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RAKESH B. PATEL and ANITA R. PATEL,

Defendants.

JOINT MOTION TO VACATE DEADLINE FOR INITIAL DISCLOSURES

COME NOW Plaintiff, Michelle Beardshear, and Defendants, Rakesh H. Patel and Anita R. Patel, by and through undersigned counsel, and file this Joint Motion to Vacate Deadline for Initial Disclosures and in support thereof state as follows:

- The above-captioned proceeding was filed by the plaintiff on April 26, 2006. The original complaint named Choice Hotels International Inc., a Washington corporation, as the defendant.
- 2. Subsequently, on August 22, 2006, plaintiff filed an amended complaint naming Vancouver Hotel Partners, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, and WBM Enterprises, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, d/b/a Quality Inn and Conference Center, as defendants.

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- 3. On June 28, 2007, Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Leave to Amend the First Amended Complaint was filed. By Order dated July 2, 2007, the Court entered its Order granting plaintiff leave to file the Second Amended Complaint.
- 4. On August 13, 2007, prior to Defendants being served with the summons and Second Amended Complaint in this case, the Court ordered that the Joint Status Report be filed by November 13, 2007, and that initial disclosures be completed by November 5, 2007.
- 5. Defendants filed their Answer to the Second Amended Complaint on October 4, 2007.
- б. Counsel for Plaintiff and Defendants have conferred and the parties are mutually desirous of pursuing a settlement in this matter.
- 7. Plaintiff's expert previously inspected the subject hotel on or around February 26, 2007. So that the parties may focus their efforts and resources on the settlement process and avoid unnecessarily incurring additional legal fees and costs and/or burdening the Court with formal proceedings, the parties have agreed that postponing other discovery, including initial disclosures, would be beneficial to the settlement negotiations.
- 8. The parties' forthcoming Joint Status Report will set forth a proposed schedule for completion of initial disclosures and other discovery that will afford the parties' a meaningful opportunity to first resolve this matter before engaging in formal litigation.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court vacate the November 5, 2007, deadline for initial disclosures pending the parties' submission of the forthcoming Joint Status Report.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of November, 2007. 1 2 EISENHOWER & CARLSON, PLLC SCHWARTZ ZWEBEN & SLINGBAUM, LLP 3 4 By: /s/ Stephan M. Nitz By: /s/ John R. Ruhl John R. Ruhl, WSBA #8558 5 Stephan M. Nitz **Attorney Defendants** Florida Bar No.: 45561 6 1201 Third Ave., Suite 1650 Attorneys for Plaintiff 3876 Sheridan Street Seattle, Washington 98101 7 Telephone: (206) 382-1830 Hollywood, Florida 33021 Facsimile: (253) 382-1920 Telephone: (954) 966-2483 8 Email: jruhl@eisenhowerlaw.com Facsimile: (954) 966-2566 Email: snitz@szalaw.com 9 10 Carolyn Doppelt Gray Catherine Chaney **BARNES & THORNBURG LLP** Washington Bar No.: 21405 11 750 17TH Street, N.W., Suite 900 Law Office of Catherine Chaney, Inc. Washington, D.C. 20006-4607 119 First Avenue South, Ste 500 12 Seattle, Washington 98104 Telephone: (202) 289-1313 13 Telephone: (206) 343-7642 Facsimile: (202) 289-1330 Facsimile: (206) 621-1256 Email: carolyn.gray@btlaw.cp, 14 Email: cchaney@msn.com 15 16 17 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5t DAY OF Tovantie 2007 18 19 STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 20 21 22 23 24 25 26